



## CONCORD LIBERTY

P R E S B Y T E R I A N   C H U R C H

*"Come as Visitors - Leave as Friends - Return as Family"*

To talk to someone about a particular area of ministry, please call the church office, (610) 358-2105 and Mary Ann, our church secretary, will direct your call to one of the Leaders, Directors, or Pastor below.

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*If you have any concerns or questions about our church please feel free to contact any of our session elders listed below.*

## CLPC Session

Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session

Beth Berstecher	Worship, Music
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Brenda Wilson	Children's, Youth & Adult Ministries, Small Groups

## CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon      Denise Jingozian      Kim Lengel  
Betty Culver      Dave Lengel      Connie O'Donnell

### Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon InnerChange	Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project
Skip and Carol Tobin, VMM	Jacob & Hosanna Thomas, VMM
Chester Eastside Inc.	City Team - Chester
Carolyn & Dan Hennings, World Impact	Cornerstone Christian Academy
Michele Rickett — She is Safe	Young Life of Delaware County
David & Bethany Wilkinson, Chop Point	Greenhouse Project
	Delaware County Pregnancy Center
	Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission in Israel-Palestine

## CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Transfiguration of the Lord

MARCH 2, 2025



*Transfiguration of Jesus, artist unknown, 16th-17th century,  
Ostankino Museum, Moscow Russia*

# CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

March 2nd

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All* are welcome.  
10:00 am Worship Service, Communion  
10:00 am First Fruits  
10:00 am Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Jackie Asteris  
10:00 am KOTM Pre-school and Elementary

## MONDAY

March 3rd

7:15 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

## TUESDAY

March 4th

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm  
4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (Library)  
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study  
7:00 pm Session Monthly Meeting (Library)

## WEDNESDAY

March 5th

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm  
1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Time, Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)

## THURSDAY

March 6th

12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

## FRIDAY

March 7th

### WEATHER ALERT

In the event that predicted storms are going to possibly interfere with the Sunday morning service, the office will contact all of us through e-mail no later than Saturday evening by 7:00 PM. If you are not accustomed to driving in winter weather, please stay home and stay safe. You will always be able to watch the service live (or recorded) on Facebook or watch just the sermon on YouTube later on Sunday evening. Service will be canceled when the roads are not safe, or the parking lot cannot be cleared in time for service or power/heat are out. Service could be delayed for a period of up to 2 hours if more time is needed to prepare the parking lot for service.

# CONCORD LIBERTY HIGHLIGHTS

## WORSHIP

To view recent worship services, go to our website, [concordliberty.org](http://concordliberty.org). Choose "Worship", then "Sermons". Select the sermon title you wish to view. Click the Facebook link to view the full service or the YouTube link to view the sermon only. Video links are normally available by Sunday afternoon.

Nursery service will be offered during Worship. If you need nursery service on Sunday morning, please let a Greeter know and they will assist you.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS** - If you are going through a difficult time, or you know of someone who is facing difficulties, consider a caring relationship of a Stephen Minister. To learn more contact, Sylvia Schaffer or Joann Smith.

**PRAYER CHAIN** — Prayer requests for the emailed prayer chain should be sent to [office@concordliberty.org](mailto:office@concordliberty.org).

**DEACONS AND SESSION MAILBOXES** are located in the Berstecher Library.

**WORSHIP DETAILS** — Any schedule changes to worship service roles (KOTM, communion, tellers, etc.) should be sent to [office@concordliberty.org](mailto:office@concordliberty.org) at least a week in advance of the respective service date.

### **REMINDER: LOVE AND LEARN IS IN SESSION! THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING TO:**

- Not "drop in" to the Worship Center during school hours M-F 9-3! (Call the office in advance to schedule your visit if 9-3 hours are essential.)
- When you are in the Worship Center during school hours, **NOT** parking in the lot closest to the school/narthex doors! (Parents line-up there, and children have recess there.)



### **THANK YOU FROM THE CANNON FAMILY**

We extend to all of you our sincere gratitude for all the outpouring of love and concern after Grammys passing. Her church family surely loved her well and it was so comforting to all of us. Thank you!

*The Cannon Family*

### **Communion Cups Request!**

Please place your used small Communion cups in the hole in the rack of the chair in front of you. The Deacons will collect the used cups and discard them. Thank you.



# Sermon Notes

MARCH 2, 2025

## I. Aglow

Luke 9:28-36

- A. The Transfiguration casts a shadow which leads us into the season of Lent and calls all of us to make the final journey to Jerusalem with Jesus.
  - 1. A time of confusion and despair.
    - a. The Transfiguration immediately follows Jesus' rebuke of Peter for refusing to accept the announcement of His impending death.
    - b. Peter, quite obviously, is hurting as he climbs the mountain with his friends and, most likely, they are experiencing a similar dread.
  - 2. Moses and Elijah confirm Jesus' departure (v. 31).
  - 3. Lent – a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) which begins the Wednesday after the Day of Transfiguration.
    - a. A significant part of the life of the church since at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century, it is a time for repentance, sacrifice, study, reflection and good works.
    - b. A time during which we learn more deeply why Jesus died on the cross for us and in which we grow in gratitude for His sacrifice and obedience on our behalf.
- B. The Transfiguration provides a light of hope for the disciples as they join Jesus for the final trip to Jerusalem.
  - 1. They do not witness a defeated Jesus, but instead "they saw His glory" (v. 32), "the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became dazzling white" (v. 29).
  - 2. Moses and Elijah do not appear as commiserators, but instead, also reflect the light of glory (v. 31). They speak of His departure not as defeat, but as the fulfillment of victory.
  - 3. Peter still does not fully comprehend what he's witnessing and begins to speak without understanding (v. 33), but he does understand that it is good (v. 33).
- C. The Transfiguration provides the most crucial instruction for those who would follow Christ.
  - 1. The voice of the Father – "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!"
  - 2. Jesus performs the first sign of his revealed glory at Cana and it is accompanied by Mary's instruction to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5), i.e., "listen to Him".
  - 3. Lent is a time for sharpening the hearing of our hearts and minds and deepening our commitment to put what we hear into action through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

ARE YOU LISTENTING?

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of the Lord, Communion Sunday

March 2, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply

Bev Massey, Worship Leader

David Steel, Service Leader

Victoria Temple, Soloist



### Silent Preparation

God endorses Jesus as Son and Messiah at the miracle of the transfiguration. The attestation by Moses and Elijah ("law and prophets") and the dazzling perception of "his glory" by his disciples validate and confirm Peter's confession, "You are the Messiah of God (Luke 9:20). Like Peter, we hardly know what to do or say when we glimpse your wondrous glory, Lord. Lead us into a more adequate apprehension of who you are and teach us to respond with praise and adoration. Amen. Eugene Peterson

\*Congregation is requested to stand if able.  
Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

"El Shaddai"  
Card/Thompson  
Victoria Temple, Soloist

**LEADER:** Let us join in worshiping the Lord our God.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

**LEADER:** The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**PEOPLE:** **Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.**

**LEADER:** We will praise Your great and awesome name, O Lord, for You are holy. Come, let us worship our God!

### \*THE HYMN OF ADORATION

"The Family of God"  
No. 282

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*HYMN

"How Majestic is Your Name"  
No. 30

### \*THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (responsively)

**LEADER:** Every good thing that comes to us in life, O Lord, can be traced back to Your hand.

**PEOPLE:** With joy, we present these good gifts in gratitude to You.

**LEADER:** May these gifts from our hands be passed on to dear ones whom You love, so that Your hand might be seen in the giving; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
No. 625

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

### THE MESSAGE

"Aglow"  
Pastor John King

### \*HYMN

"Nothing But the Blood"  
No. 195

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table  
The Prayer of Blessing  
The Lord's Prayer No. 426 (sung in unison)  
The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**LEADER:** Gracious God, You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for Your service.

**PEOPLE:** Help us who have shared Christ's body and received His cup, to be His faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of Your kingdom, and our love be Your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING AND SENDING

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"O, How He Loves You and Me"  
O, how He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me;  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
O, how He loves you; O, how He loves me;  
O, how He loves you and me!

### POSTLUDE

"How Majestic is Your Name" (reprise)